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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES
OF
PHILADELPHIA.

1909.

JANUARY 5.

PHILIP P. CALVERT, PH.D., in the Chair.

Eleven persons present.

The reception of a paper intended for publication under the title "A Contribution to the Comparative Morphology of the Thoracic Sclerites of Insects," by G. C. Crampton, Ph.D. (December 18, 1908), was reported by the Publication Committee.

The Council reported that the following Standing Committees had been appointed to serve during the ensuing year:

FINANCE.—John Cadwalader, Edwin S. Dixon, Effingham B. Morris, William D. Winsor and the Treasurer.

PUBLICATIONS.—Henry Skinner, M.D., Witmer Stone, Henry A. Pilsbry, Sc.D., William J. Fox, and Edward J. Nolan, M.D.

LIBRARY.—Dr. C. Newlin Peirce, Thomas Biddle, M.D., Thomas H. Fenton, M.D., George Vaux, Jr., and Henry Tucker, M.D.

INSTRUCTION AND LECTURES.—Benjamin Smith Lyman, Henry A. Pilsbry, Sc.D., Charles Morris, Witmer Stone and Dr. C. Newlin Peirce.

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON BY-LAWS.—Arthur Erwin Brown, Sc.D., Thos. H. Fenton, M.D., John Cadwalader and Chas. B. Penrose, M.D.

The President is, *ex-officio*, a member of all Standing Committees.

JOHN W. HARSHBERGER, PH.D., made a communication on the vegetation of the West Indies as contrasted with that of Mexico and Central America, illustrated by lantern slides. (No abstract.)

JANUARY 19.

ARTHUR ERWIN BROWN, SC.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Thirty-eight persons present.

The deaths of the following were announced:

Lewis Haehnlen, a member, November 26, 1908; Joseph Wharton, a member, January 11, 1909, and Jean Albert Gaudry, a correspondent, November 29, 1908.

PHILIP P. CALVERT, PH.D., made a communication on the power of flight in dragon-flies and its relation to geographical distribution, illustrated by lantern slides. (No abstract.)

The following were elected members: Charles M. B. Cadwalader, George H. Clapp, Herbert Fox, M.D., Lewis W. Steinbach, M.D., and William Redwood Wright.

The following were elected correspondents: Albert Calmette, Ph.D., of Lille; John Mason Clarke, LL.D., of Albany; Sven A. Hedin, Ph.D., of Stockholm; Robert F. Scharff, Ph.D., of Dublin.

The following was ordered to be printed: